

A person wearing a blue helmet and a dark shirt is riding a bicycle on a trail. The scene is set in a forest with tall trees, and the lighting suggests it is either sunrise or sunset, with a warm, golden glow. The person is in the lower center of the frame, moving towards the right. The background is filled with the silhouettes of trees against a bright, hazy sky. The overall mood is peaceful and scenic.

Lively to Leisurely

Lake County, known for its gently rolling hills and open greenery, is home to over 1400 sparkling lakes. It is easy to see why it is the destination of choice for residents and visitors alike.

Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy our ever-expanding trail system. The new South Tav-Lee Trail, which connects State Road 19 to Main Street in Tavares, was funded through a partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation. A second portion of the South Lake Trail was completed in 2003. The 4.5 mile trail now connects the Clermont campus of Lake Sumter Community College to Minneola and Clermont. Cyclists are eagerly anticipating access to the Tav-Lee Trail in 2004. Constructed within the abandoned railroad corridor along U.S. 441, the trail will connect the Lake Square Mall to downtown Tavares.

Lake County partners with our fourteen municipalities to stage many special events throughout the year. Leesburg's annual events such as the Mardi Gras in February and the Bike Fest in April, are popular among adults, and the Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Fair, held at Hickory Point, is an event the entire family can enjoy. Two new events this year were the Dragon Boat Races and the B.A.S.S. Fishing Tournament. The tournament was so well received that sponsors have decided to hold the event in Lake County again next year. Throughout Lake County, the Lights of Lake is a holiday tradition. Each year more businesses join the holiday

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 <i>BCC Meeting 9:00 A.M.</i>	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Lake Soil & Water Tree Give-A-Way</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	20 <i>BCC Meeting 9:00 A.M.</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <i>BCC Meeting 9:00 A.M.</i>	28	29	30	31

illumination, bringing a glow to our night sky.

One event held every Thursday at our Lake County Fairgrounds is the Farmer's Market. Here, citizens and visitors enjoy the opportunity to browse for goods and help support our local business owners.

All of these events bring in excited crowds and provide valuable economic benefits to our local economy.



Mardi Gras Trumpet Players



Clermont Bike Trail



Renaissance Faire